

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 32-29, 31-34 and 36-46 have been canceled.

Claims 30 and 35 have been amended as follows:

30. (Amended) [The remote transaction machine of Claim 29,] A remote transaction machine for applying a monetary value of coins deposited by a user to a remote transaction, comprising:

a coin counting module operable to count coins deposited therein by a user, and to calculate a monetary value therefor;

a computer connected to said coin counting module, said computer comprising a processor, a memory, a user interface, and a connection for communicating transaction information over a communication link connected thereto, wherein said processor is adapted to execute program instructions stored in said memory, said program instructions comprising:

generating a transaction request according to an option selected by the user from a menu of transaction options provided on said user interface;

sending the transaction request to a remote recipient via a communication link connected to said connection;

receiving a response back from the remote recipient via the communication link;

providing the response received from the remote recipient to the user using said user interface; and

confirming a transaction between the user and the remote recipient, wherein the transaction includes a payment by the user to the remote recipient, and wherein said coin counting module retains at least a portion of the coins deposited by the user having a monetary value equal to at least a portion of the payment by the user to the remote recipient, and wherein said coin counting module further comprises a coin discriminator sensor and a container for receiving the coins deposited by a user, and wherein said coin counting module further comprises a movable backplate biased toward said container for dispensing debris from said container.

35. (Amended) [The remote transaction machine of Claim 32.] A remote transaction machine for applying a monetary value of coins deposited by a user to a remote transaction, comprising:

a coin counting module operable to count coins deposited therein by a user, and to calculate a monetary value therefor;

a computer connected to said coin counting module, said computer comprising a processor, a memory, a user interface, and a connection for communicating transaction information over a communication link connected thereto, wherein said processor is adapted to execute program instructions stored in said memory, said program instructions comprising:

generating a transaction request according to an option selected by the user from a menu of transaction options provided on said user interface;

sending the transaction request to a remote recipient via a communication link connected to said connection;

receiving a response back from the remote recipient via the communication link;

providing the response received from the remote recipient to the user using said user interface; and

confirming a transaction between the user and the remote recipient, wherein the transaction includes a payment by the user to the remote recipient

wherein, said coin counting module retains at least a portion of the coins deposited by the user having a monetary value equal to at least a portion of the payment by the user to the remote recipient, and wherein said coin counting module further comprises a coin discriminator sensor and a container for receiving the coins deposited by a user, said coin counting module further comprising a coin rail, a feed for extracting coins from said container onto said rail, and a solenoid positioned to expel non-authentic coins from said rail, and wherein said coin counting module further comprises at least one air hose positioned to direct compressed air onto said coin rail.

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